GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF OIL PACKAGING ORDER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the implementation status of the Edible Oil Packaging (Regulation) Order, 1998, State-wise;

(b) the bottlenecks and impediments noticed in the effective implementation of the said order;

(c) the number of cases of violation of the mandated provisions of the order reported since its enforcement alongwith the action taken against the violators, year-wise;

(d) the remedial steps taken for the effective implementation of the orders in all the States; and

(e) the recommendations received from the States to make the regulation more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Statement giving State-wise, implementation status of the Edible Oils Packaging (Regulation) Order, 1998 is at Annexure I.

(b) & (c): The powers for implementation of the said Order have been delegated to the State Governments. However, no State / UT where the said Order has been implemented, have indicated bottlenecks and impediments regarding the effective implementation of the said Order and no case of violation of the provisions of the Order has been reported by them as on date.

(d): Some of the State Governments/UTs Administrations which have not implemented the Edible Oil Packaging (Regulation) Order, 1998 or have granted exemptions / extensions for varying period of time deferring the implementation of the Order have been reiterated time and again, the need to implement the Order in letter and spirit.

(e): Based on the recommendations received from the States to make the regulation more effective, the Packaging Order was amended vide Notification No. G.S.R.363(E) dated 16th June, 2004 with regard to clauses 4 (4), 10 (2), `13 and 14 of the Edible Oil Packaging (Regulation) Order, 1998 (copy at Annexure - II).